

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

An executed Revocation of Power of Attorney and Appointment of New Power of Attorney was submitted, by facsimile, on September 15, 2003. A courtesy copy is attached hereto.

On page 9 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 71-73 and 75 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner further stated that claims 71-73 and 75 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has rewritten claim 71 so as to incorporate the limitations of the rejected base claim and has amended the dependencies of claims 72, 73, and 75 in the amended claims submitted herewith so as to depend on amended claim 71. Applicant believes that the amended claims fulfill the statutory requirements. Thus, no further correction is required. Additionally, Applicant has cancelled claims 74 and 76 to 83.

Claim 85 stands allowed by the Examiner.

**Conclusion**

Having analyzed the objections cited against the claims, it is urged that the present claims are in condition for allowance. A favorable reconsideration is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss any matters pertaining to the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required in the prosecution of this application to Deposit Account No. 18-2262.

Respectfully submitted,

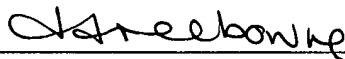
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